

walls (2") and end pieces (3"), such that said end pieces are provided with extreme extensions with transverse folding lines which correlatively define six sectors (8"), (9"), (10"), (11"), (12") and (13"), with sectors (8") and (9") superimposed on each other and with sector (8") attached to the inner face of the extreme part of the corresponding side wall, while sectors (11") and (12") are equally superimposed on each other and with sector (12") attached to the inner face of the extreme end of end piece (3"), and extreme sector (13") placed coplanar to (9") and similarly attached to the inner face of sector (8"), with intermediate sector (10") defining a diagonal wall which corresponds to the hypotenuse of the triangular shape of each prism reinforcement created by the enveloping folding of such sectors, so that on base (1") and corresponding to the folding lines which limit base (1") and side walls (2") and end pieces (3") are provided openings (5") for insertion of ridges (15") provided in the upper edge of the prism-shaped corner reinforcements when trays are stacked on each other.

REMARKS

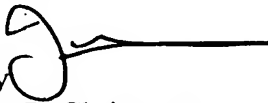
1. The title of the invention has been changed to conform to practice in the U.S. Patent Office.
2. The amendment to page 2 of the specification is in conformity with the suggestion in the International Preliminary Examination Report, Item VIII., paragraph 1.
3. The amendments to the claims are in conformity with the suggestion in the International Preliminary Examination Report, Item VIII., paragraphs 2, 3 and 4.
4. Attached hereto is a mark-up copy of the revised specification, and the revised claims.

5. The filing fee of this application is based on the claims as amended.

6. Allowance of claims 1-5, as now presented, is believed to be in order and such action is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the subject application, he is respectfully requested to telephone applicant's undersigned attorney.

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Mark-Up of Revised Specification

Please amend the specification, at page 2, lines 22-31, as follows:

However, although the box described in said P 9602617 has a considerable resistance to both stacking and humidity, and is efficient in its function, it suffers from two problems and disadvantages, namely that the prism reinforcements of the corners are obtained at the same station as the assembly and gluing of the box, and that said prism reinforcements, due to their enveloping [rectangular] triangular shape, occupy a considerable space which results in a corresponding reduction in the box capacity.

Mark-Up of Amended Claims

Please amend Claims 1-5 as follows:

CLAIMS

1. Stackable tray for transport of fruit and horticultural products, constructed from a compact cardboard sheet in a single piece or by assembly of five pieces of compact cardboard, which define the base, greater side walls and end pieces, the last provided with prism-shaped reinforcements on the corners obtained by an enveloping construction of several sectors defined in an extension provided at each end of said end pieces, and further provided with means allowing the stable and correct stacking of trays, essentially characterised in that the end extensions of end pieces (3) are provided with folding lines which give rise to [a number of consecutive sectors (8), (9), (10), (11) and (12)] first, second, third, fourth and fifth consecutive sections (8, 9, 10, 11, 12), where first sector (8) is larger than the [following] second sector (9), with these sectors folded on each other and attached perpendicular to end piece (3) from which they originate, with first sector (8) attached by its external surface on the inner face of the corresponding side wall of the tray, while [extreme sectors] fourth sector (11) and fifth sector (12), which also differ in size, are attached to each other through the external face of

larger fifth sector (12) folded onto the inner face of the corresponding end segment of end piece (3), with [intermediate] third sector (10) remaining perpendicular to the diagonal of the corresponding corner; with double trapezoidal ridges (15) provided in correspondence with the upper edge of the concurrent prismatic reinforcements of each corner, said ridges created by upper extensions of both the inner and outer wall of said corner reinforcements, and where double upper ridges (15) are complementary of bottom openings or slits (5) provided for insertion of the former in the latter when the tray is stacked with other identical trays.

2. Stackable tray for transport of fruit and horticultural products as claimed in claim 1, characterised in that the extreme sector (12) of each end of the corners [may] extends into an adjacent sector (13) which is attached by folding on the inner face of first sector (8), between the edge or corner of the box and the inner edge of sector (9) correlated and attached to the same sector (8).

4. Stackable tray for transport of fruit and horticultural products as claimed in claim 1, characterised in that the prism-shaped corner reinforcements are formed by the

superposed arrangement of five sectors (8'), (9'), (10'), (11') and (12'), with sectors (10') and (12') attached to each other [perpendicular to the diagonals of each corner], so that such sectors (10') and (12') are provided on their upper edge with trapezoidal ridges (15') complementary of slits (5') provided for such purpose on the lower edge, [so that when forming the corner reinforcement ridges (15') are attached to each other in correspondence with the central area of the upper edge corresponding to the double wall perpendicular to the corner diagonal and which is determined by sectors (10') and (12')]

such that such that the bottom of the box is provided with complementary openings allowing [double] ridges (15') to pass when the trays are stacked.